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COMBINATION OF THE JOINING DEVICE WITH THE TWO
STRUCTURAL PARTS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A JOINT
BETWEEN TWO STRUCTURAL PARTS
Docket No.: 60,152-1010

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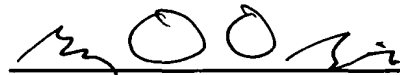
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